

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/871,839 Examiner	HARRIS, GEORGE M. Art Unit
	Dean O Takaoka	2817

-- **The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment dated September 11, 2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,5,11,12,14,20 and 21.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 05 October 2003, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>1006</u>
5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.	6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William S. Lightbody on October 6, 2003.

Claims:

Cancel claims 4, 6 – 10, and 15 – 18.

Drawings:

Enter reference number 51 (Fig. 8) and drawing label for Fig 9. Both were shown in original drawings but inadvertently omitted in second drawing submission entered October 5, 2003.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 3, 5, 11, 12, 14, 20, and 21 are allowed.

The prior art of Zimmerman does not show the power selective probe operating perpendicular to the longitudinal axes across the lateral cross section (claims 2 and 20); each pair of inductive members extending across the lateral cross section located on either side of the capacitive probes (claim 3); adjustment means to selectively set the power selective probe so as to alter the power through its respective output (claim 5); the impedance post located within an area described by the circle of origin at the electrical center of the power dividing junction and a radius of 3.5" (claim 11); the power

selective probes being located at least 1.5 wavelength in the waveguide within 0.1% of the center frequency of the operating bandwidth from any component located along the longitudinal axis of the waveguide (claim 12); the first and second power selective probes operating perpendicular to such longitudinal axes across the lateral cross section (claim 14); the distance between the power divider and the power selective probes being within 0.1% and 91% of the wavelength in the waveguide at the center frequency of the operating bandwidth (claim 21).

Conclusion

With respect to Applicant's amendment dated September 11, 2003; objections to the drawings and rejections of claims 1 – 12, 14 – 18, 20, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph contained in the previous office action dated March 25, 2003 have been withdrawn.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dean O Takaoka whose telephone number is (703) 305-6242. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30a - 5:00p Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (703) 308-4909. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

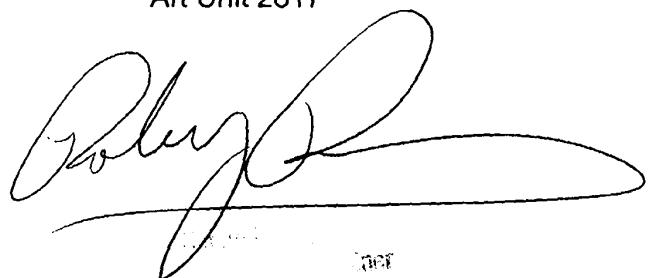
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